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## **ADEM Releases Cleanup Fund Report**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management provided \$135,626 to investigate, remediate, or monitor more than a dozen hazardous material sites in the 2007 fiscal year. The details of specific activities conducted at 13 locations across the state are included in the recently published Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund Annual Report.

Established by the Alabama Legislature and administered by ADEM, the fund provides an early response mechanism that allows appropriate actions to be taken at abandoned or inactive hazardous substance sites which may present concerns to human health and the environment. A major part of the AHSCF calls for the costs of recovery and clean up efforts to be paid for by land owners or responsible parties and not at taxpayers' expense.

“This program enables us to remediate sites that may not be covered under Superfund or other programs, and sets up a mechanism to pay for the work,” said ADEM Director Trey Glenn.

As part of the fund, site-specific information is compiled on locations that do not qualify for other federal or state hazardous substance cleanup programs. The AHSCF supports the clean up of a wide-range of sites comprised of abandoned drums/containers. The fund can also be used to help provide more complex clean up activities at larger sites requiring significant assessment and remediation.

The fund provides for initial site investigations, sampling of drum contents, disposal costs, and the collection of analytical data for groundwater, soil, and surface waters. Since its inception in 1989, the AHSCF has addressed approximately 320 hazardous substance sites with 92 percent of those remediated to an extent that no additional action was required.

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